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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
FCC  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Docket 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I hope this finds you well and very best wishes for 2012. Please give my regards to all my colleagues in your office.

I am submitting this letter to inform the Commission of a recent Free State Foundation Blog, entitled "A Vital Lifeline" which is already a part of the official record, but to note that I also forwarded by email to Ms. Angela Kronenberg, Ms. Christine Kurth, Mr. Zachary Katz, Commissioners McDowell and Clyburn on 1/11/2012. As a former Federal Chair of the Joint Board on Universal Service, a former State Commissioner and FCC Commissioner, I have long been an outspoken supporter of Lifeline-Linkup officially and continue to do so in my public policy work at the Free State Foundation. This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of Commission Rules.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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